

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device which has first and second substrates disposed with a predetermined gap formed therebetween, and seals a liquid crystal in the gap, comprising:

a seal member provided in the gap between said first and second substrates, said seal member being disposed outside a display area to seal said liquid crystal;

a wall-like structure disposed outside the display area and inside the seal member, a column-like structure formed by a column member (28) and a thereto-facing column member (35), each said member (28, 35) being separately formed on said first and second substrates, for keeping the gap between said first and second substrates constant, wherein said column member is formed by the same patterning process of said wall-like structure, and a shape of said wall-like structure is determined based on a state of said column-like structure, said wall-like structure being formed to a height which is lower than that of the gap formed between said first substrate and said second substrate, wherein a minor space is formed between a free end of said wall-like structure and the adjacent substrate for reducing the meniscus of liquid crystal material flowing through said space, said wall-like structure being made of a different material from that of said seal member and formed in plural rows; said wall-like structure being composed of dashed rows having notches; said notches of said wall-like structure being formed alternately in-staggered relationship in each of the plurality of dashed rows such that the notches in one row of said plural wall-like structure are always offset relative to the notches in another row of said wall-like structures along the lengths of said wall-like structures whereby one said wall-like structure forms a barrier to a direct flow of said seal

material through gaps formed by the notches in another said wall-like structure so that said seal material does not flow directly into said display area from exteriorly of said wall-like structures, wherein positions of the notches of the plural dashed rows in said wall-like structure are determined based on a position of a wiring formed either on said first substrate or on said second substrate, wherein said wall-like structure is composed of dashed rows having notches, and wherein the positions of the notches of the plural dashed rows in said wall-like structure are determined based on a position of a wiring formed either on said first substrate or on said second substrate.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device which has a first substrate and a second substrate disposed with a predetermined gap formed therebetween, and seals a liquid crystal in the gap, comprising:

- a seal member provided in the gap between said first and second substrates, said seal member being disposed outside a display area to seal said liquid crystal in said gap; and

- a wall-like structure comprising a plurality of parallel rows of alternately staggered notched walls disposed outside said display area and inside said seal member, such that the notches in one row of said plural wall-like structure are always offset in staggered relationship relative to the notches in another row of said wall-like structures along the lengths of said wall-like structures and forming an undulating passageway whereby one said wall-like structure forms a barrier to a direct flow of said seal material through gaps formed by the notches in another said wall-like structure, said wall-like structure being formed to a height lower than that of the gap formed between said first substrate and said second substrate,

wherein a minor space is formed between a free end of said wall-like structure and the adjacent substrate for reducing the meniscus of liquid crystal material flowing through said space, said wall-like structure being provided for preventing said seal member from flowing into said display area from exteriorly of said wall-like structure, wherein there is provided a column-like structure formed by a column member (28) and a thereto-facing column member (35), each said member (28, 35) being separately formed on said first and second substrates, for keeping the gap between said first and second substrates constant, wherein said column member is formed by the same patterning process of said wall-like structure, and a shape of said wall-like structure is determined based on a state of said column-like structure, wherein said seal member flows out in a fluidized state when said second substrate is pressed into said first substrate while heating said first and second substrates, and said wall-like structure is capable of stopping said seal member from entering said display area, through said staggered notched walls said seal member being in a fluidized state, and permitting said liquid crystal to flow into outside the wall-like structure when said liquid crystal flows out from said display area, and wherein said wall-like structure prevents air traps from occurring when said liquid crystal to be sealed flows into said display area.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device, comprising the steps of:

applying resin onto a first substrate, and patterning said resin to form a frame-shaped wall-like structure surrounding a display electrode; said wall-like structure comprising a frame-shaped structure composed of a plurality of rows, each row showing a dashed line shape have predetermined notches in staggered offset relationship to each other such that the notches in one row of said plural wall-like structure are always offset relative to the notches in

another row of said wall-like structures along the lengths of said well-like structures so as to inhibit flow of said seal member therethrough towards said liquid crystal whereby one said wall-like structure forms a barrier to a direct flow of said seal material through gaps formed by the notches in another said wall-like structure;

arranging a second substrate so as to face said first substrate on which said seal member is applied, and pressing said second substrates to each other by said seal material;

a column-like structure for regulating and maintaining constant a size of the gap between said first and second substrates being formed by coupling a column member (28) and a thereto-facing column member (35), each said member (28, 35) being separately formed on said first and second substrates, wherein said column member is formed with said wall-like structure by patterning through the same patterning process; and

injecting a liquid crystal into a gap between said first and second substrates, which are adhered to each other, wherein said wall-like structure is formed to a height which is lower than that of the gap formed between said first substrate and said second substrate by applying photosensitive resin onto said first substrate, wherein a minor space is formed between a free end of said wall-like structure and the adjacent substrate for reducing the meniscus of liquid crystal material flowing through said space, performing a UV exposure for the resin using a photomask, and curing the resin, and wherein an alignment film is applied after the formation of said wall-like structure, and then said seal member is applied outside said wall-like structure.